

LETTER OF INTENT

of

The Chief of General Staff
of the Army of the Czech Republic

and

The Chief of Defence
of the Kingdom of Denmark

and

The Chief of Staff, Bundeswehr
of the Federal Republic of Germany

and

The Chief of Defence Staff of the Ministry of Defence
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

and

The Chief of Defence
of the Kingdom of Norway

and

The Chief of General Staff
of the Polish Armed Forces

on

establishing the CIMIC Group North with signatory nations

hereinafter referred to as the "Participants"

observing the North Atlantic Treaty of 4 April 1949,

observing the NATO Force Goals EG 3781, EG 3782 and EG 3783 of June 1998,

observing the reactions of NATO nations from the northern region to the letter from the Netherlands Chief of Defence Staff no. S 2000 001116 of January 2000,

wishing to optimise the close co-operation and good understanding between the Armed Forces of these nations in the area of Civil – Military Co-operation (CIMIC),

declare the following:

1. CIMIC is the resources and arrangements, which support the relationship between military commanders and the national and/or regional/local authorities, civil and military, and civil populations in an area where military forces are or plan to be employed. Such arrangements include co-operation and co-ordination with non-governmental or international agencies, organisations and authorities.
As stated in the Force Goals, CIMIC is necessary to support a military commander with expertise to allow him to establish and maintain full co-operation between military commanders, the civilian population and institutions within his area of operations. This co-operation is essential to create civil military conditions necessary for operational success.
2. To realise CIMIC, co-operation between the Participants is essential and this Letter of Intent is to express the mutual willingness to achieve the establishment of an integrated and multinational CIMIC Group among nations from the northern region of Europe.
3. The objectives of establishing CIMIC Group North are to provide the Participants with an essential military capacity, to improve daily, multinational co-operation and training, to achieve mutual reinforcement of the CIMIC qualities and CIMIC capacities of the Participants, to optimise operational efficiency and to limit costs.
4. The CIMIC Group North will be established, with initial participation of Germany, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Denmark, Poland and Norway and will form a CIMIC capacity for NATO and that may be made available to other international organisations.
5. The Participants take into account the fact that additional NATO nations from the northern region of Europe may join the CIMIC Group North at a later stage, upon request and after approval of the Participants.
6. A Working Group that is co-chaired by Germany and the Netherlands will work out specific arrangements regarding the details. The final results of this Working Group will be laid down in a Memorandum of Understanding. For further details, see annex Terms of Reference for the Working Group CIMIC Group North.
7. The CIMIC Group North should be established by the 1st January 2002.

Annex: Terms of Reference for the Working Group CIMIC Group North.

Written in the English language, Brussels, November 2000,

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